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SUBJ: ZAIRE PRESS NOTES FAILURE OF ISRAELI DIPLOMACY

1. APPARENTLY CONCERNED BY BELGIAN JOURNALIST'S REMARK THAT  
PERHAPS ZAIRE HAD BETRAYED ISRAEL BY BREAKING DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS AFTER ALL ISRAEL HAD DONE FOR ZAIRE IN TRAINING  
PARATROOPS, ETC. "ELIMA" CONTENDS IT IS "THE DIPLOMACY OF THE  
JEWISH STATE WHICH HAS SERIOUSLY FAILED" AS DEMONSTRATED BY  
THE "CASCADE" OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO HAVE JOINED ZAIRE IN  
BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

2. ARTICLEREITERATES ZAIRE "FRIEND-VS-BROTHER" DIPLOMATIC  
DILEMMA AND ENUNCIATES ONCE AGAIN THAT THOUGH ZAIRE APPRECIATED  
ISRAELI HELP, IT WAS STILL ALL FINANCED THROUGH THE ZAIRE BUDGET,  
THUS "IT IS CLEAR THAT ISRAELI-ZAIROIS COOPERATION COST  
THE HEBREW STATE NOTHING." "ELIMA" THEN PICKS UP MOBUTU  
ALMOST OFF-HAND REMARK ABOUT THE "FIRST TRAITOR BEING A  
JEW AND NOT A ZAIROIS", POINTING OUT THAT "IT IS THE HEBREW  
STATE WHICH HAS THE REPUTATION OF HAVING HISTORY'S FIRST  
KNOWN TRAITOR."

3. "THE FACTS SHOW," THE ARTICLE GOES ON, "THAT IT

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IS ISRAEL ITSELF WHICH HAS BETRAYED ITS AFRICAN FRIENDS IN

ENCOURAGING PORTUGAL AND THE COLONISTS OF RHODESIA AND  
SOUTH AFRICA IN THEIR SORDID ENTERPRISE OF OPRESSING THE  
PEOPLES OF AFRICA."

4. THESE FACTS, SAYS THE ARTICLE, INDICATED THAT "HISTORY IS  
ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMED; THE TRAITORS ARE AMONG THE JEWS. WE  
CAN THUS ASK OURSELVES: WHO HAS BETRAYED WHOM?"

5. COMMENT: THOUGH ARTICLE ONCE AGAIN TAKES PAINS TO POINT  
OUT ZAIRE'S RELATIVELY (UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES) "MODERATE"  
ATTITUDE TOWARD FORMER "FRIEND" ISRAEL, IT ECHOS EXACTLY  
MOBUTU REPLY TO QUESTION IN PRESS CONFERENCE OF OCTOBER 25  
ON SAME SUBJECT.

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